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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arenberg, et al.

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING THERAPEUTIC AGENTS  
INTO THE INNER EAR

Serial No.: 09/205,251  
Examiner: Thanh, L. H.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated 27 September 2004, such extension allowing the undersigned until 28 March 2005 to respond.

Please charge Deposit Account No. **50-1953** in the amount of \$1,020.00 as set forth in the enclosed fee transmittal sheet. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-1953**. **This form is enclosed in duplicate.**

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